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Two Convicted in Weapon Sales

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP) — A former CIA agent and the owner of an electronics firm have been convicted in absentia on state charges of selling 10,000 machine guns and other weapons to two detectives posing as Latin American terrorists.

Frank Terpil, a former CIA agent, and George Gregory Korala, owner of a New Jersey electronics company, were not present at the Thursday trial because they jumped \$100,000 bail each and fled the United States. They are believed to be in Beirut.

They were convicted of selling 10,000 British Sten machine guns, 10 million rounds of ammunition, a bomb, silencers, a .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol, a silenced sniper rifle, and a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, the Manhattan district attorney's office said.

"This is a particularly significant conviction because of the increase in terrorist activities," District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said. "It is important to make every effort to prosecute individuals supplying terrorists with weapons and explosives."